

AIRPORT CERTIFICATION INFORMATION BULLETIN



U.S. airports have established and maintained an enviable safety record over the years, due in large part to responsible, hard-working, and professional airport personnel. To assist these industry professionals, FAA's Airport Safety and Operations Division has inaugurated *The FAA Airport Safety Newsletter*. Each quarterly issue will highlight one particular area and provide insights into situations that have come to the attention of FAA personnel. The newsletter is representative of FAA's commitment to serve the airport community and to provide another source of information for airport personnel. In addition, it will provide a means of sharing concerns and identifying problem areas.

This newsletter is intended to help airports and to address issues of importance that are shared by everyone in the airport business. The newsletter will be posted on the FAA website. You will find a "Newsletter" icon at www.faa.gov arp.arphome.htm.

Electronic distribution via the internet will enable regional FAA and industry publications and websites to capture portions of the newsletter for further distribution. Getting the word out on safety issues can be instrumental in raising the level of awareness, have a positive impact, and help to solve problems. There will be opportunities for feedback and, in later newsletters, for expressions of airport concerns as well as questions.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the newsletter, please contact your certification inspector.

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Day**

**Airports are
Indispensable.....**

Ask an airplane!

MANAGER'S MESSAGE

On this, the inaugural edition of the Airports quarterly newsletter, I'd like to define the 'mission' of this publication:

AIRPORT SAFETY!

We hope to use the newsletter as a vehicle for discussing airport safety issues and providing our insights on them. Hopefully, we will be able to identify trends and problem areas before they develop and hurt people and destroy equipment and property.

The electronic age and the ability to reach out through the "information super highway" make this newsletter feasible. Each quarter we will publish and list a new issue on the Internet FAA Airports Web site. Tentative publication dates for the remainder of this year are August 20, and November 19. A pertinent airport safety subject will be featured in each issue. The first few issues will be directed at Runway Incursions.

If you don't already realize the gravity of this problem - realize it now! In this issue, we discuss what the various members of the aviation community can do to reduce the risk. The follow-on issues will concentrate on vehicle operations and airfield marking, signs, and lights.

This will only work if you contribute - challenge - support - expand and participate. We welcome your ideas, suggestions, and comments. Let us know what you think - what will make the existing system better?

By working together and sharing ideas we'll find solutions to the runway incursion problem, and by spreading the word we can make the system safer in a shorter period of time. Together we'll do it better than we ever could do it alone.

Looking forward to hearing from you.
.....Robert E. David